Appointment of Sixth Central Pay Commission

40. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some political parties have asked him to set up the Sixth Pay Commission for Central Government employees; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) No such demand has been received in Ministry of Finance.

(b) Question does not arise.

Education Cess

41. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount collected, so far, by Government as Education Cess which was introduced in the last year's budget to fund primary education sector;

(b) the details of the expenditure made, so far, on this account together with its *modus operandi,* State-wise; and

(c) whether any guidelines for its utilization and reimbursement by the State Governments have been laid down and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (c) The revised estimates for 2004-05 for receipts on account of Education Cess are Rs. 5010 crore and for expenditure on Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Mid Day Meal Scheme are Rs. 4753.63 crore and Rs. 2739.50 crore respectively. State-wise details of actual expenditure incurred are being ascertained. The Department of Elementary Education and Literacy have laid down guidelines for the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and the Mid Day Meal Scheme.

Insurance cover for Mariginalised Tribals

42. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government propose to extend insurance cover to the mariginalised tribals in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the action plan;

(c) the details of the tribal communities in Orissa that would be covered under this scheme; and

(d) whether it is a 100 percent Centrally funded project or the States would also be required to fund the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) Ministry of Tribal Affairs have extended financial assistance to the State Governments during 2004-2005 for providing insurance coverage to one lakh heads of families belonging to Primitive Tribal Groups (PTG) under Janashree Bima Yojana, of Life Insurance Corporation of India. It is proposed to provide insurance cover to approximately five lakhs such persons by the end of the 10th Five Year Plan.

(c) All the heads of Primitive Tribal Groups families in Orissa are eligible for the insurance coverage under the scheme.

(d) It is a 100 percent Centrally funded Scheme.

Decline in Profits of Banks

†43. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that either the comparative profits have declined in the Public Sector Banks of the country during the third quarter (from October to December) of the financial year 2004-2005 or they have incurred losses;

(b) if so, the names of those banks and estimated amount of their respective losses; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the reasons for this decline?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) As per the latest available information none of the public sector banks has incurred any loss in the Operating Profit during the period from April, 2004 to September, 2004. Bank-wise statement is enclosed. (*See* below)

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Statement

Data regarding operating profit of Public Sector Banks from Apr. to Sep. 2004

(*Rs. in crores*)

Bank Name	*Operating Profit (EBPT)*
Allahabad Bank	615.13
Andhra Bank	604.71
Bank of Baroda	1033.14
Bank of India	633.41
Bank of Maharashtra	247.99
Canara Bank	1210.91
Central Bank of India	856.37
Corporation Bank	468.52
Dena Bank	256.92
Indian Bank	535.84
Indian Overseas Bank	637.67
Oriental Bank of Commerce	600.40
Punjab & Sind Bank	158.54
Punjab National Bank	1635.73
Syndicate Bank	525.20
UCO Bank	485.40